Consensus on joint operation in naxal States

695. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is considering to evolve consensus on joint operations in naxal hit States to start implementing the ambitious police modernization plan including separate plan for strengthening of their special branches submitted during 2007;

(b) the steps taken by the Centre to evolve the consensus;

(c) whether Inter-Ministerial group on naxalism met recently to start the implementation of developmental activities in worst naxal hit districts and asked such States to focus on socio-economic development; and

(d) whether the proposal for development of two districts in naxal affected States is successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Law and order being a State subject, action with respect to various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government.

The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts and resources of the State Governments by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central para-military forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies under the scheme for Modernization of Police Forces, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, facilitating inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various ministries.

Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

State Governments conduct need-based inter-State joint police operations.

A Task Force under Special Secretary (Internal Security), consisting of officers of intelligence agencies, State police forces and Central para-military forces, deliberates upon the gamut of operational steps needed to deal with the naxalite activities and facilitates coordination between authorities of different States as may be necessary.

Special attention on planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes is being emphasised for naxalite affected areas.

An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG), under Additional Secretary (Naxal Management), with officers from development ministries and Planning Commission, oversees effective implementation of development schemes in naxalite affected areas for accelerated socio-economic development.

More recruitment of minorities in para-military forces

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